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To amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure equity in the provision of transportation by limousine services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Contracted Automobile
5 Regulatory Relief Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF INTERSTATE PRE-ARRANGED**
7 **GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.**

8 Section 14501 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(d) PREARRANGED GROUND TRANSPORTATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No State or political sub-
2 division of a State may enact or enforce, and no
3 interstate agency may enforce, any provision of law
4 that has the effect of requiring a license or fee that
5 applies solely to the provision of prearranged ground
6 transportation service by a motor vehicle, if the
7 motor carrier that provides that service—

8 “(A) meets all other applicable registration
9 requirements for the interstate transportation
10 of passengers under chapter 139 of this title;

11 “(B) meets all other applicable licensing
12 requirements for vehicles and the intrastate
13 transportation of passengers under the laws of
14 the State or States in which that motor carrier
15 is domiciled or registered to do business; and

16 “(C) is providing the service pursuant to a
17 contract for—

18 “(i) travel from a State, including in-
19 termediate stops, to a destination in an-
20 other State; or

21 “(ii) travel from a location in a State
22 to a destination in that State, on an
23 itinerary that includes intermediate stops
24 in another State.

1 “(2) MATTERS NOT COVERED.—Nothing in this
 2 subsection shall be construed to apply chapter 135
 3 or section 31138 of this title to taxicab service, or
 4 to prohibit or restrict an airport, train, or bus ter-
 5 minal operator from contracting to provide pref-
 6 erential access or facilities to any provider of pre-
 7 arranged ground transportation service.”.

8 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 13102 of title 49, United
 10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 11 lowing:

12 “(23) PREARRANGED GROUND TRANSPOR-
 13 TATION SERVICE.—The term ‘prearranged ground
 14 transportation service’ means transportation service
 15 for a passenger (or a group of passengers) that—

16 “(A) is arranged in advance or is operated
 17 on a regular route or between specified points;
 18 and

19 “(B) is provided in a motor vehicle with a
 20 seating capacity that does not exceed 15 pas-
 21 sengers (including the driver).

22 “(24) TAXICAB SERVICE.—The term ‘taxicab
 23 service’ means transportation service for a passenger
 24 (or a group of passengers) that—

1 “(A) is not operated on a regular route or
2 between specified places;

3 “(B) is provided in a motor vehicle with a
4 seating capacity that does not exceed 8 pas-
5 sengers (including the driver); and

6 “(C) is provided by a person licensed by a
7 State or a local jurisdiction to provide the serv-
8 ice as taxicab service, or is offered by a person
9 that—

10 “(i) provides local transportation for a
11 fare determined (except with respect to
12 transportation to or from an airport) pri-
13 marily on the basis of the distance trav-
14 eled; and

15 “(ii) does not primarily provide trans-
16 portation to or from an airport.”.

17 (b) EXEMPTIONS.—Section 13506(a)(2) of title 49,
18 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

19 “(2) a motor vehicle providing taxicab service;”.

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